Write-In Democracy
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This puzzle was created for Common Cause members in honor of the organization's 50 years of protecting democracy.

ACROSS
1. Kiss noise
5. Siri runs on it
8. Role
11. PalmPilot, e.g.
14. Military attire
15. Like some advocacy legal work
17. Wrestler Flair
18. Armstrong and Aldrin's mission
20. Manhattan, for one: abbr.
21. 2020 Summer Olympics host
22. 21-Across continent
23. Hoops league with Sparks and Sky
24. Report on, as a political convention
27. Relatives of llamas
29. Ardent supporters
33. Pained cry
34. "My word!"
35. Be in the past?
36. Hair-raising substance
37. Big Italian brewery
40. "Here Comes the ___" (Beatles hit)
43. Consumed
46. Chatty horse of '60s TV
47. Gregory Peck's SoCal alma mater
48. Theory first proposed in 1858
53. Chinese e-commerce site
54. Birch family member
55. Event around Christmas or Labor Day
56. Help, as a weightlifter or rock climber
58. Lion noises
62. Vegas–based TV drama
63. Anonymous referendum system employed in the United States, and a hint to the circled letters
66. Farm or colony resident
67. "Love it, really" for "I'll vote early," e.g.
68. Ride to the prom
69. "The God of Small Things" author Arundhati ___
70. Giant legend Mel
71. Plant
72. Follower of foot or side

DOWN
1. Future doc's exam
2. D.C. newspaper, familiarly
3. Run ___ (go wild)
4. "Jinkies!"
5. Launch on Wall St.
6. Lode in a vein
7. Energy connectors that soak up the 40-Across
8. Cheery
9. Low tied score
10. When doubled, a small treat
11. British royal who did AIDS advocacy in the 80s
12. Punish, as a lawyer
13. Mercedes Benz option
16. Wanna–___ (posers)
19. Ransack
23. Mid-Atlantic convenience store
25. Prez's deputy
26. One of four for a square
28. Comic book impact sound
29. Pointer or boxer, e.g.
30. Ram's mate
31. Feature of an unstable stock market
32. Stench relief brand
38. 1994 film starring Jodie Foster
39. Asked to provide proof
41. Grp. providing military entertainment
42. Convent occupant
44. Toothpaste holder
45. Watergate ___ (Common Cause founding period)
47. Ambles
49. "Unfortunately, I can't"
50. Unable to vote in person, say
51. Snuggly kitty, say
52. Michael of "Arrested Development"
54. Whether ___ Paulo, Brazil
55. Confucian philosophy
57. Certain URL ender
59. Landed
60. It burned while Nero fiddled, per legend
61. Halt
63. ___ Paulo, Brazil
64. Audi rival